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Italian word meaning
"a little sound or song"

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- 14 lines
- iambic pentameter
- set end rhyme scheme
- about a single subject/topic

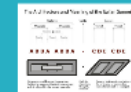
Two basic forms of the sonnet:

- Italian (Petrarchan)
- English (Shakespearean)

The Petrarchan sonnet has
8 lines (called an octave)
followed by
6 lines (called a sestet)



The Italian Sonnet
• most famously used by
Francesco Petrarch



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a variation of the sonnet that was
more suited to the English
language because of its rhyme
scheme.

The English or Shakespearean sonnet, also has
14 lines like the Italian sonnet.

The difference is in the form and the rhyme
scheme, which have been altered to be more
suitable to English.



The
Italian

When you say these lines, your chin drops lower
on each stressed syllable. Each pair of stressed
and unstressed syllables is called an 'iamb'.

1. DO NOT SAY THAT
2. NOT SAY THAT
3. NOT SAY THAT

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units, or feet, and each foot
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Sonnet 18
W. Shakespeare

Quatrain

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? **A**
Thou art more lovely and more temperate: **B**
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, **A**
And summer's lease hath all too short a date: **B**

Octave

Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, **C**
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd; **D**
And every fair from fair sometime declines, **C**
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd; **D**

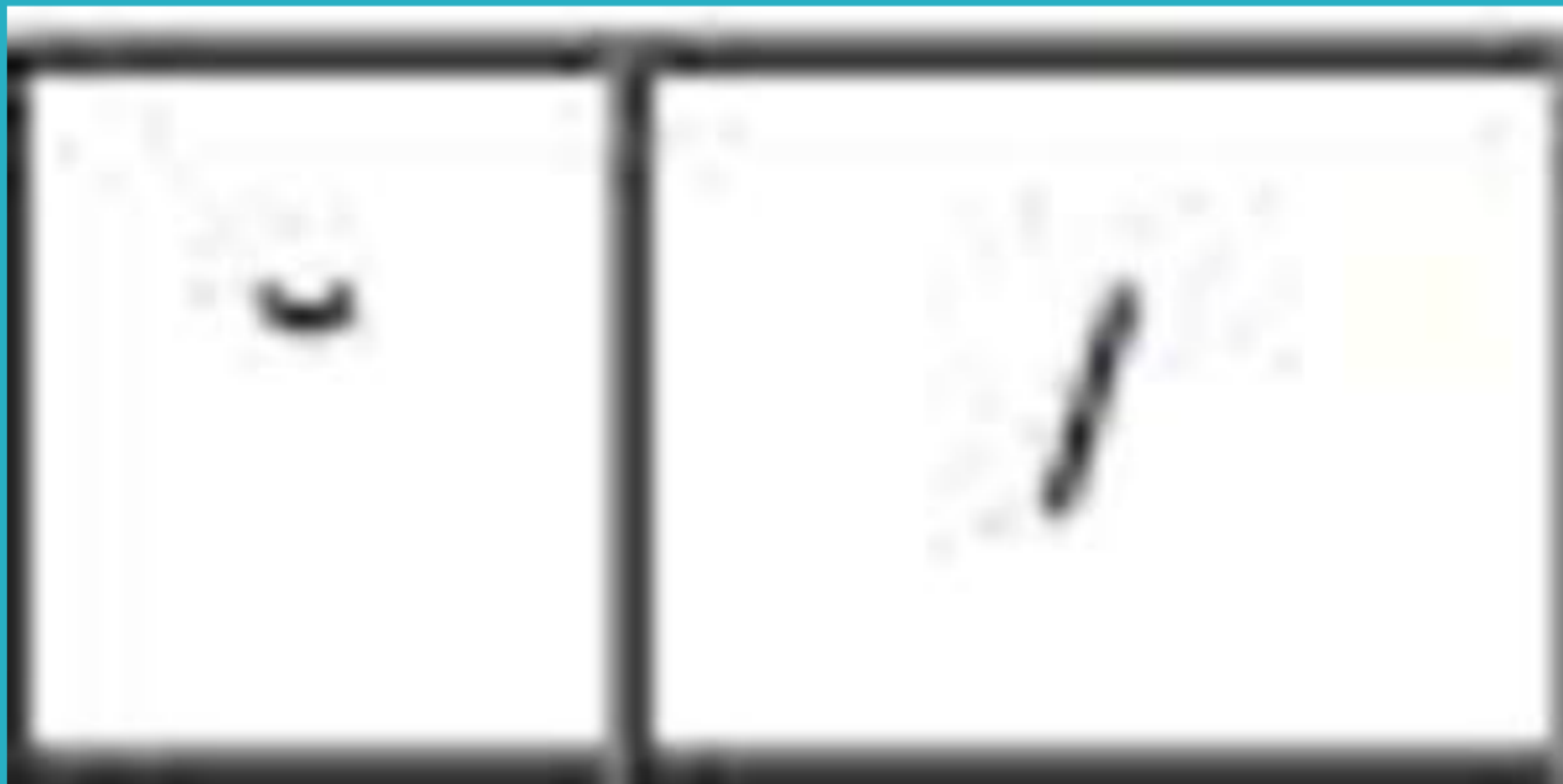
But thy eternal summer shall not fade **E**
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest; **F**
Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade, **E**
When in eternal lines to time thou growest: **F**

Couplet

So long as men can breathe or eyes can see, **G**
So long lives this and this gives life to thee. **G**

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I do not like green eggs and ham.
I do not like them, Sam I am.

